Application Process for District Court Appointments

An attorney who is seeking approval for receiving District Court appointments must meet the following criteria at the time of application:

Minimum Qualifications:

- 1. Must be licensed and in good standing with the State Bar of Texas;
- 2. Must have at least two years of experience in the practice of criminal law;
- 3. Must maintain their principal office in Collin County, TX;
- 4. Must provide reference letters from 3 members of the Collin County Bar Association; and
- 5. Must have completed at least ten hours of continuing legal education in the field of criminal law in the calendar year prior to application.

Graduated Lists:

3rd Degree/State Jail Felonies:

- 1. Meet the minimum qualifications as stated above; and
- 2. Board certified in criminal law: or
- 3. At least four criminal jury trials as lead counsel in a court of record.

1st and 2nd Degree Felonies:

- 1. Meet the minimum qualifications as stated above; and
- 2. Board certified in criminal law; or
- 3. At least eight jury trials, including at least four felony jury trials, as lead counsel in a court of record.

Appeals and Non-Capital Writs:

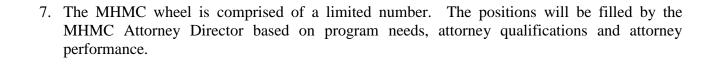
- 1. Meet the minimum qualifications as stated above; and
- 2. Board certified in criminal law or appellate law; or
- 3. Demonstrate objective competence in the field of criminal appellate law.

Crimes Against Children Cases:

- 1. Meet the minimum qualifications as stated above; and
- 2. Must have at least five years experience in the practice of criminal law;
- 3. Must have 3 years experience in trying CAC cases;
- 4. Ten hours per year of CLE in criminal law, eight of the hours must be in sex crimes;
- 5. At least six jury trials as lead counsel for felony and six jury trials for CAC as lead counsel.

Mental Health Cases:

- 1. Meet the minimum qualifications as stated above; and
- 2. Six hours of annual mental-health related CLE
- 3. Board certified in criminal law or appellate law; or
- 4. At least eight felony jury trials.
- 5. Attach a recent photo
- 6. Complete the supplemental application for the MHMC Program.



Complete the application, attach **ALL supporting documentation** and submit it to:

Tracye Sparks Indigent Defense Coordinator 2100 Bloomdale Road, Suite 20210 McKinney, TX 75071

Incomplete applications or attorneys who do not meet the criteria will NOT be considered.

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL AS COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY DISTRICT COURTS OF COLLIN COUNTY

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Home Address				
(No P.O. Boxes):	County:			
Business				
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Signature:				Date·

ORDER

The attached Application is GRANTED and the A selection of appointed counsel is to occur in District.	* *	DERED TO be added to the list from which the
Signed this day of	, 20	
Judge Angela Tucker, 199 th District Court		Judge Scott Becker, 219 th District Court
Judge John Roach, 296 th District Court		Judge Ben Smith, 380 th District Court
Judge Ray Wheless, 366 th District Court		Judge Mark Rusch, 401 st District Court
Judge Chris Oldner, 416 th District Court		

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FOR MHMC WHEEL

1.	Have you worked at a District or County Attorney's Office handling criminal matters? Dates of	
	employment:County:	
2.	Have you worked at a Public Defender's Office?	
	Dates of employment: County:	
3.	Years in which practice? Criminal law Civil law	
4.	Percentage of present law practice spent on criminal or related matters?%	
5.	Criminal Practice Specialties/Board certifications (i.e., violent felonies, DWI, juvenile, narcotics):	
6.	Bar Association Memberships:	
7.	Law School Attended:	
	Graduation date:	
Pleas	e answer yes or no to the following questions and provide requested information:	
8.	Are you currently in good standing with the State Bar of Texas? If no, please attach separate sheet with explanation.	
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	ou currently or have you ever been:	
	Appealing any sanction by the State Bar other than a private reprimand?	
	Under indictment or charged with a criminal offense other than a traffic offense?	
	On community supervision (deferred adjudication or "regular" community supervision)? Convicted of an offense punishable by confinement?	
	Publicly sanctioned by a State Bar Grievance Committee in this state?	
	Sanctioned for failure to appear before a court?	
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	Found by any trial or appellate court to have rendered ineffective assistance of counsel?	
*If th	e answer is "yes", please attach a copy and/or written explanation of the related information.	
9.	Have you ever admitted, in connection with an official proceeding, to having provided ineffective assistant counsel?	ice of
10.	Which categories of cases are you currently authorized to accept appointments and which categories are you appointment through MHMC?:	seeking
	Authorized Seeking MH Appt.	
	Misdemeanor Trial	
	Misdemeanor Appeals	
	SJF and 3 rd degree	
	1 st and 2 nd degree	
	Felony Appeals	
	Sex Crimes (6 felony sex crime jury trials required qualify)	to

11.	Please list anything about your background or experience that you believe would be helpful to you as a member of						
	the Defendants with Mental Illnesses A	Appointment	list	(use separate sheet for additional room.)			
12. Wh	at is the most significant case you worl	ked on as an app	pointed at	torney? Why?		_	
*Questi	ons 8-9 if the answer is "yes" please at	tach a copy of r	elated inf	ormation and/or	r written explana	ation.	
	attach a resume or statement that you wer Panel.	ish to have cons	sidered re	garding your qu	nalifications to b	e on the Private	
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